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**MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEFS, CONSTRUCTION-OPERATIONS AND NATURAL
RESOURCES MANAGEMENT DIVISIONS AND DISTRICTS, DISTRICT WATER
SAFETY POCS AND OPERATIONS PROJECT MANAGERS**

SUBJECT: HQUSACE National Operations Center for Water Safety – Product Availability

1. Recent changes in printing, web and other Information Management-related processes have resulted in disruption of the normal services provided by the HQUSACE National Operations Center for Water Safety (NOC). This memorandum provides an update on the current product situation and other key activities sponsored by the NOC.
2. Production of Natural Resources Management (NRM) recreation program-related materials, including annual pass components and water safety educational materials, has been significantly delayed due to process changes that did not take into consideration the Corps-wide consolidation of our NRM printing program. Additionally, the NOC's public web site, which posted the water safety customer catalog, located at www.watersafety.usace.army.mil has been closed while the content is transitioned to the NRM Gateway. Any orders that were placed through the online catalog for FY09 were never received and therefore are invalid. Earlier this year, a temporary catalog was emailed to Corps water safety customers and product orders placed in response to that email are currently being processed in the order they were received until the limited stock is depleted in the warehouse. Please understand that the NOC is working diligently with ACE-IT to resolve the issues causing disruption of service. In the interim, up-to-date information on water safety for employees can be found in the water safety section of the NRM Gateway at <http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/employees/watersafety/water.html>.
3. Annual pass monthly stickers and Bobber, the Water Safety Dog coloring books were recently delivered to the Publications Depot. The remainder of the print supplies for this recreation season should be delivered to the Publications Depot within the next 4-6 weeks, including safety ranger badges, fisherman rulers, posters, Frisbees, trash bags and tattoos. As these items become stocked, updates will be provided on the NRM Gateway along with instructions for ordering. Annual passes for 2010 sales will be ordered shortly and distributed based on OMBIL-requested quantities as soon as they become available.
4. Public safety continues to be a priority mission for the Operations Community of Practice and we will continue to support your educational outreach efforts through centrally produced educational materials. You are encouraged to continue to explore innovative partnerships and

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ways to promote public safety. Please remember that expenditures for nominal value water safety educational products and advertising through air time, printed material and billboard display space have been determined to be necessary expenses for the operation and maintenance of USACE projects and that Corps offices can procure applicable products for public distribution under this guidance.

5. As a reminder, the USACE Water Safety Photo Contest deadline is 30 Sept 2009. Entries will be accepted if they were taken in the 2008-2009 timeframe. More detailed information on the contest is posted on the NRM Gateway.

6. Please contact your division point of contact on the HQUSACE Water Safety Advisory Team if you would like to receive email updates from them. You can find your representative in the water safety section of the NRM Gateway <http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/employees/watersafety/members.html> by clicking on Committee members and going to the “members” link at the bottom of that page. Lynda Nutt, CESPCK-CO-O (559-584-4058), is the Chairperson of the HQUSACE Water Safety Advisory Team and manages the National Operations Center for Water Safety. Rachel Garren, CEMVS-OD-T (314-331-8624), is her Assistant. Steve Austin, CECW-ON (202-761-4489) is the HQUSACE proponent for water safety.

7. Thank you for your support of the HQUSACE National Operation Center for Water Safety and your diligent efforts to help reduce the number of public accidents and fatalities on our nation’s waterways. We will keep you informed as additional products and services become available from the NOC.

FOR THE COMMANDER:


for MICHAEL G. ENSCH
Chief, Operations
Directorate of Civil Works

THANKS FOR YOUR
GREAT EFFORTS WITH
WATER SAFETY DESPITE
THIS SITUATION - KEEP
UP THE GOOD WORK !!